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copy of a petition from the local ryots has since been obtained the Member and it has been referred to the Board of Revenue. The Board's reply is awaited."

Sri PRAGADA KOTAIAH :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government, in the meanwhile, can assist the local ryots to obtain those lands on lease from the Union Government?"

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" How can I do it when it is another person's property. It takes time to deal with other men's property. Only pick-pockets can deal with other men's property readily." (Laughter.)

Opening of a hospital at Gingee.

* 279 *Q.*—Sri A. GOVINDASWAMY NAYAGAR (on behalf of Sri K. Aranganathan): Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any hospital in Gingee taluk or at headquarters maintained either by Government or by any private party;

(*b*) the total annual amount allotted to purchase medicines for the dispensaries at Gingee, South Arcot district, for the years 1949–50, 1950–51 and 1951–52;

(*c*) the total amount of medicines purchased during the years 1949–50, 1950–51 and 1951–52 for the same; and

(*d*) whether any representation was made to the Government to open a hospital at Gingee, South Arcot district?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) There is a Local Fund Dispensary at Gingee, maintained by the District Board of South Arcot. Besides this, there are in the taluk two rural dispensaries of Indian Medicine at Anathapuram and Valathi, one rural dispensary of Modern Medicine at Avalurpet and a leprosy institution run by the Kasturba Gandhi Kushta Nivaran Sangh at Mazhavanthangal.

" (*b*) Rs. 1,500 was provided by the District Board during each of the three years.

" (*c*)

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1949–50	2,450	9	0
1950–51	1,097	7	0
1951–52	1,117	1	0

" (*d*) No."

Sri V. GOPALA GOUNDER :—" Are the Government aware that Gingee is the headquarters of a taluk with a Magistrate's Court and that all cases from there are being sent to Tindivanam for treatment?"

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" The Government are aware that Gingee is the headquarters of the taluk."